

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] The center section 5a of the sleeve 5 has on the outside a concentrically circular seat part 13 having an also circular receiving groove 13b, which seat part 13 is open in direction of the inner end section 5b. The seat part 13 forms together with a correspondingly designed second seat part 14 of a further sleeve 15, having a groove 14b, the locking point for the shoe insert 12 to be described in greater detail later on. The faces of the edge areas 13a, 14a of the seat parts 13, 14 face one another in alignment. The sleeve 15 is moved onto a cylindrical seat 10 on the outside of the center section 5a of the sleeve 5. The cylindrical seat 10 has compared with the inner end section 5b of the sleeve 5 a slightly larger diameter and is offset relative to same by a circular step 17. The step 17 forms a stop for a shoulder 16 around the inside of the sleeve 15. The one end of a compression spring 11 is supported on the shoulder 16, the second end of which compression spring 11 is loaded by an adjusting nut 18, which is screwed onto the inner end section 5b of the sleeve 5. Thus it is possible to change the initial loading of the compression spring 11 by adjusting the position of the adjusting nut 18. The end section following the supporting shoulder 16 of the sleeve 15 forms together with an area of the outer circumferential surface of the inner end section 5b of the sleeve a seat for the compression spring 11.

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] The control element 21 consists of a center base part 21a, which has the screw holes 26 for connecting to the

detent element 20 and the screw holes 27 for connecting of the element 21 to the shoe. Supporting wings 21c follow the base part 21 through slightly inclined connecting surfaces 21b, the underside of which supporting wings 21 is curved along arches, the radii 21d of which are slightly larger than the radius of the outer surface of the outer end section 5c of the sleeve 5 or the radius of the outer surface of the sleeve 21, the radii of which correspond in the illustrated embodiment. The control element 21 and the detent element 20 are furthermore in the illustrated embodiment components symmetrically designed with respect to their longitudinal and transverse axes. The detent element 20 screwed to the underside of the base part 21a projects beyond the lateral supporting wings 21c of the control element 21.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Attached hereto is a replacement Abstract with markings to show amendments.